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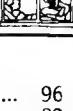
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SEXUAL ABUSE OF YOUNG CHILDREN MAHONING COUNTY

Sexual abuse of children has just recently come "out of the closet" and into the public eye. Already, sexual abuse cases reported in Mahoning County have more than doubled since 1983. A fallacy regarding sexual abuse is that it occurs primarily with inter-city, lower socio-economic, minority children. To the contrary, the sexual abuse of children crosses *all* socio-economic and racial lines and communities.

Recorded statistics by Rape Crisis Centers and the FBI state that approximately *one* out of every *four* female children is in some way sexually assaulted before she reaches 18 years of age; *one* out of every *seven* male children is sexually assaulted by the age of 18. What is alarming is that in 85 to 90 percent of these documented cases, the child is not assaulted by the traditional "stranger", but rather by someone the child actually knows and trusts - - a friend, neighbor, relative, parent.

Fact is that three, four, five and six year old children are assaulted, not just vaginally, but anally and orally as well. Six children in this age range who were taken either to a hospital emergency setting or to a family physician for physical examination after sexual abuse was discovered. Unfortunately, the attending physician in each case examined the child vaginally only. Consequently, all six children had to be submitted to the trauma of a re-examination by a second physician because they were assaulted anally.

Physicians in Mahoning County are becoming more aware of the frequency of child abuse. However, as physical evidence is of vital importance in an investigation, a thorough physical examination is necessary. Relying solely on the child's or family's explanation of the incident could prove problematic when dealing with motions of guilt, embarrassment, fear or shame."

In a possible sexual abuse situation, Mahoning County Children's Services is available to help in an investigation. In emergency situations, physicians can call the agency 24 hours per day through Help Hot Line (783-0411).

Help is needed, especially for the young child under the age of seven, who is not able, in most cases, to testify in court about an incident of sexual abuse. Frequently, the court must rely heavily on the doctor's report of physician examination. To assist the court and agency in investigating cases of abuse, the Ohio Revised Code 2151.421 mandates that the doctor report cases of abuse and provide necessary documentation which can be used in court if necessary.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

March 12, 1985

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, March 12, 1985 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 by Dr. Memo. The minutes of the February meeting, having been read, were approved.

The Treasurer's report listed the 1985 paid-up membership to date, a note that 68.9% of the Society members also belong to the American Medical Association as of this date, and a report of total dues collected to date.

Communications included a request from the Physicians' Peer Review Organization of Cleveland that the Society appoint two members to a liaison committee that will be representative of the 13-county area serviced by the organization; there was also a letter of thanks from Betty and David Randell for the Society's contribution to the Scholarship Foundation of the Society in memory of Dr. Randell.

At the suggestion of Council, Drs. William Sovik and Gabriel DeCicco were appointed to serve on the liaison committee of the PPRO.

The Committee for the Medically Indigent report that the program to provide referral service to the medically indigent who have no family physician has provided 36 referrals to participating physicians. The report noted that referral is made only if the person is in immediate need of medical care and has no financial means to obtain care from a physician.

Council agreed to the change of site for the September Old Fashioned Society Meeting as proposed by the program chairman, Dr. D. J. Dallis. It will be an Old Fashioned Meeting featuring a Greek cuisine and will also include the amenities of previous Old Fashioned meetings.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Public Information report was presented by Dr. Jack Schreiber, committee chairman. He reported the committee met Feb. 26 to review the need for presenting information to the public concerning recent medical care proposals being made to several of the large employee groups. He suggested Council approval using the services of Market Group One of Columbus to prepare an information program, designed to educate the public and the doctors about the various health care plans.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend to the Censors that special funds be expended to underwrite the informational program and that the members of the Society be requested to contribute \$100 each to reimburse the Society fund and provide additional funding.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Dr. Schreiber's ad hoc committee to expedite the informational program and coordinate the activity of the Society and Market Group One.

Dr. Schreiber noted that Metropolitan Insurance Co., has proposed a Preferred Provider Organization to General Motors - Lordstown and that Blue Cross / Blue Shield has proposed a similar medical care plan for Packard Electric in Warren. He stressed the importance of attendance at the March 19 meeting of the Society where all the various forms of medical care provision will be discussed.

It was reported that formation of an Individual Practice Association (IPA) is being considered by a group of physicians from Mahoning and Trumbull counties and it is now in the investigation stage.

The general meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society was announced for Tuesday, March 19, 1985 at the Moonraker Restaurant on Rt. 224. The program will include a review of the various health care delivery systems and a presentation by Dr. Robert Katz of the Metropolitan Insurance Co.

It was announced that three more host couples are needed for the annual Scholarship Recognition Dinner being held April 11 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Robert B. Blake,
Executive Director

DR. REED HONORED BY SUMMIT COUNTY

In special recognition of his work in treating persons afflicted with alcohol and chemical dependency, Dr. Lewis K. Reed was honored recently by the Summit County Medical Society.

Dr. Reed, secretary-treasurer of an international organization of physicians recovering from alcoholism, is a recognized expert in the field of alcoholism. He is frequently called on to speak at seminars on the topic.

The \$1,000 Arthur Dobkin, M.D. Fellowship was awarded to Dr. Reed for excellence in research, education and treatment in alcohol and substance abuse.

OLD TIMER REMEMBERS

Julius Homan was a tall, rangy butcher employed at George Ole's Market on Boardman Street. He played a sousaphone in the local German Band. A sousaphone is a big, brass horn which wraps around one's shoulder. The sound goes "round and round and it comes out here" above the player's head. The horn was kept in a closet below the stairs. I would blow it once in a while when I would make calls at the home. "Poom, poom, poom, poom."

Mrs. Homan was a generously endowed woman, who was great with child. One morning in the small hours, Mrs. Homan went into labor. (It always happens in the "small hours.") Julius phoned and soon thereafter, I hopped into my 1924 Ford Coupe. (In those days that was a Koo-pay.) Donnell - \$824.50, and I hurried to the Homan residence.

Mrs. Homan was in her nightgown pacing the floor in the bedroom. We spread the Sunday paper over the bed Mrs. Homan aided in this endeavor, and she saw the comics.

She said, "That Andy Gump is just like my Julius." Then she said "Ohhhh." My reaction was quick. I said, "Get on the bed, Mrs. Homan." She did, and then the membrane ruptured, completely drowning Andy Gump.

I yelled down the stairs to Julius, "Please bring the instruments - NOW." As he came huffing up the stairs, she expelled a baby girl. After the baby was delivered and order was restored, the baby was cleaned and wrapped in a tight binder, so she would not have an umbilical hernia. Her legs were wrapped firmly, so she would not be bowlegged. (Most of my patients insisted on the wrapping.)

Then it was Mrs. Homan whom I cleaned. There were no nurses to help in those days. By this time I was fatigued so I went downstairs to find Mr. Homan. He was sipping coffee in the kitchen.

I said to him, "Julius, don't you have anything here besides coffee to drink?"

He said, "I'll see, Doc," and with that he produced from a top shelf some Martel's 3 Star Brandy. (You readers may know how well brandy and coffee go together.) After two or three of these cupfuls I felt much better. I said, "Julius, let's blow the horn, so the neighbors will know that the new baby has arrived." Julius gave the idea some thought before he responded.

"Doctor," he said. "If it was a boy, I'd do it, but I ain't gonna do it for no girl!"

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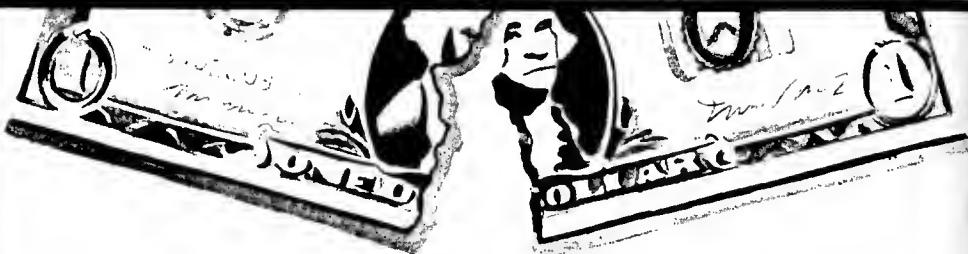
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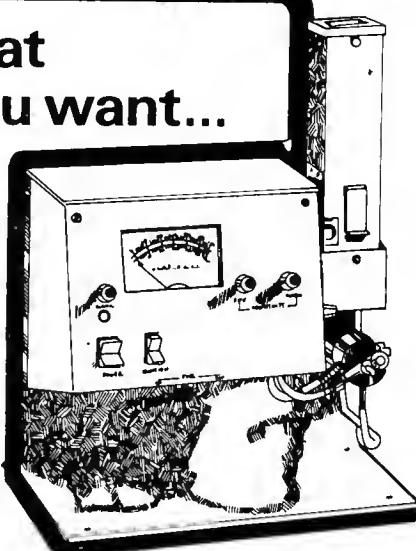
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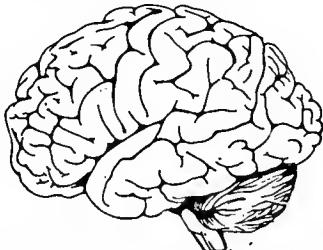


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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1935

Eighth Annual Post Graduate Day was held at the Stambaugh Auditorium. The faculty was the renowned authorities from Mayo Clinic — Alvarez, Professor of Medicine; Dixon, Associate Professor of Surgery; Mann, Professor of Experimental Surgery, dinner and evening sessions at the Youngstown Club with registration fee, including dinner, \$5.00.

At the Post-graduate, Mrs. Florence L. Heberding had a booth and gave us samples of her Indian Creek Farm, milk, and ice cream.

Drs. Edgar C. Baker and John L. Lewis had an article in the JAMA on "Comparison of the urinary tract in pregnancy and pelvic tumors."

Don K. Martin, Executive Secretary of the OSMA, resigned to become Secretary of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association.

Death removed Dr. H. J. Beard from the ranks of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

The length of the nurses working day was reduced from twelve hours to eight hours.

FORTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1945

Our 17th Annual Post Graduate Day Assembly was held at the Pick-Ohio Hotel. The faculty was a group from Marquette University - - Drs. Carey, Eberbach, Murphy, and Madison.

The *Bulletin* published some letters from our doctors in service - - Capt. Densmore Thomas, Capt. Howard E. Possner, Capt. Oscar Axelson, Capt. Richard Goldcamp, Lt. Robert L. Piercy, Capt. Robert J. Heaver, Capt. F. L. Schellhase, Major G. G. Nelson, Lt. Col. W. D. McElroy.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1955

President Ivan Smith urged members to cooperate in the mass inoculation against Polio. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis wished to get the program finished before schools closed but the vaccine (Salk) was not yet approved.

Everyone was jittery about atomic attack and civil defense was a hot subject. Fred Schellhase was put in charge of the medical division of the Mahoning County Civil Defense Corps. Editor Tornello urged every member to do his duty when mobilization was called.

Thorazine was the new wonder drug. Herman Allen warned that it should be used with caution. Doriden was a new hypnotic-sedative. Brave doctors were using Butazolidin for arthritis; Dalophine was claimed to be a more potent analgesic than morphine.

School physician E. R. Thomas announced the "Spring Roundup." The Schick test was discontinued. Booster injections of D.P.T. were recommended instead.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — APRIL 1965

Under the guidance of President John J. McDonough, the Medical Society began a "pap" smear campaign to continue for the remainder of the year.

Editor Kurt Wegner had an editorial on poison prevention. Council appointed an area-wide hospital planning committee, which was the first basic step toward the area-wide planning and opened the door for the formation later of the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association.

The following doctors took part in Hi-Y Civic Day: Drs. Banninga, Brandmiller, Caccamo, Calvin, Chen, Chiasson, Coombs, Fenton, R. R. Fisher, Fry, Hardin, Hutt, Krupko, McDonough, Phillips, Resch, Schreiber, Shorr, Smeltzer, and Wales.

TEN YEARS AGO — APRIL 1975

Dr. James L. Fisher was proclaimed "Editor Emeritus" of the *Bulletin* after serving as the original editor and forty-five years on the Editorial Staff. He wrote over his own initials, under the Pen-names S. Q. Laypius," "The Medical Crier," and most recently under the heading of "Old Timer Declares." He invented this page "From The Bulletin" when it was 10-20-30 years ago. Now it's up to 50 years and his material makes up most of it even yet. He is now 89 years old and still writing. Drop him a note at Ronjoy Nursing Home, 830 Boardman-Canfield Road. He will probably write you an answer.

The St. Elizabeth Hospital Poison Control Center (which was originated by the Youngstown Pharmacists) became affiliated with the National Poison Control Center Network which allowed for the development of more complete files of poison information locally and ready access, by means of a telecopier to the master files in Pittsburgh. Stickers of "Mr. Yuk" were distributed to doctors to give to their patients for use in the home.

Editor Earnest Perry, M.D. devoted his editorial to the crisis in professional liability insurance rates, created by the large number of lawsuits and out-of-court settlements.

The guest speaker for March, Joseph K. Gilmore, Deputy Director of the Department of Insurance for Ohio, stated that if things continue as they are, there would be no Medical Practice Insurance available by the middle of 1976.

There were no new members that month. No wonder!

Robert R. Fisher, M.D.



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ROBERT B. BLAKE, Executive Director

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A couple of years ago, the government launched its all out campaign to encourage "competition" in the health-care field. The rationale? Competition will force physicians and hospitals to cut prices in order to gain or, at least, retain patients and, thus, health care costs will be contained. Now, the Department of Commerce predicts a 9 to 10 percent rate of growth in health care spending over the next five years! The omniscient bureaucrats now think that increased competition is going to boost costs!

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Your office managers and business managers should be on the lookout for questionable sales gimmicks that are enjoying a surge in popularity among the con men. It involves the use of solicitations that look like invoices. The documents are so convincing that some offices have gone ahead and "paid the bill" without realizing they have been duped. One outfit has a yellow bell on the invoice and it is headed "Directory Advertising." At first glance you would think it is a yellow pages advertising invoice. In the fine print, it says "this is not an invoice, it is a solicitation for advertising." The directory is a directory of organizations that is not generally circulated and has very little, if any, value. Here's what you do: (1) know your regular suppliers and what their invoices look like, (2) examine all "bills" carefully (the phonies must carry a disclaimer but it may be in VERY small type) and, (3) be suspicious of invoices from unfamiliar companies.

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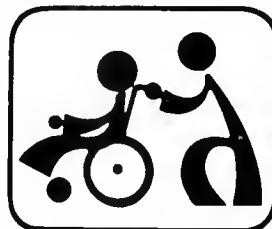
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- April 13 Tumor Conference. J. Turner, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- April 13 "Potassium and the Anesthesiologist." D. Miller, M.D. Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- April 16 "Trauma in Pregnancy," C. DeMario, M.D. New CCU Conf. Room, Northside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- April 18 "Portal Hypertension." J. T. Galambos, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m., Internal Medicine
- April 20 Tumor Conference. A. Ghani, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- April 20 "Monitoring Cerebral Function During Anesthesia." M. Uram, M.D. Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- April 20 "The Management of Infection of the Trauma Patient." G. F. Coppa, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m., Surgery
- April 23 "AIDS." J. Venglarcik, M.D. New CCU Conf. Room, Northside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- April 25 "Current Principles of Management of Serious Burns." C. R. Boeckman, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m., Internal Medicine
- April 27 Tumor Conference. J. Mehta, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- April 27 "Complications of Regional Anesthesia." V. C. Perni, M.D. Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- April 30 "Legal Issues in the ER." R. Roberts, R.N. Tower 2 Conf. Room, Southside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- May 2 ALL DIVISIONS, "Hepatitis B Virus Infection - Implication for the Health Care Professional. A. A. Harris, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- May 4 Tumor Conference. K. Wieneke, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- May 4 "Endocrin Abnormalities and Anesthesiology." J. Melnick, M.D. Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- May 7 "Emergency Care of the Burn Victim." S. Dietzel, R.N., M.S., and C. Boeckman, M.D. Tod #1, Northside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- May 8 "Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology of Thyroid." N. Natividad, M.D., Pathology Conf. Room, Northside, 4 p.m., Pathology
- May 9 "Screening and Treatment of Primary Breast Cancer." W. Reeves, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m., Internal Medicine
- May 11 "New Muscle Relaxants." R. Albarran, M.D. Tod #, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- May 14 "Diving and Aerospace Medicine." P. W. Cosby, M.D., Tower 2 Conf. Room, Southside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- May 16 "Ins and Outs of Oral-Genital Herpes Infection." G. Pazin, M.D., Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m., Internal Medicine
- May 18 Tumor Conference. R. Murray, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- May 18 "Recent Advances in Neonatal Intensive Care." D. Miller, M.D. Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- May 21 "Plastic Surgery Techniques." Y. T. Chiu, M.D. Tower 2 Conf. Room, Southside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- May 23 "Management of Hypertension." D. Vidt, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m., Internal Medicine
- May 25 Tumor Conference. R. Memo, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.

- May 28 "Pediatric Chest Trauma." J. M. Lonergan, M.D., New Conf. Room, Northside, 8 a.m., Emergency Medicine
- June 1 Tumor Conference. J. Koval, M.D. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- June 1 "Review of Anesthesia Equipment." J. Fulks, M.D., Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology
- June 6 ALL DIVISIONS. To be announced. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- June 8 Tumor Conference. D. Brody, M.D., Moderator. Hitchcock Auditorium, Southside, 8 a.m.
- June 8 "Anesthesia and Intracranial Hypertension." M. Dasu, M.D. Tod #2, Northside, 8 a.m., Anesthesiology

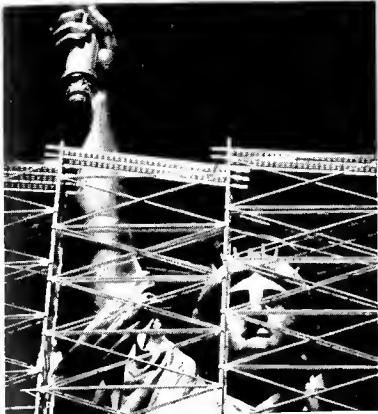
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- April 12 INFECTIOUS DISEASE "Infection in the Patient at Risk-Immunocompromised Host." K. V. Gopalkrishna, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases, Fairview General Hospital, Cleveland. A. Smith, Kline & French Visiting Fellow.
- April 19 MEDICAL ETHICS "The Pain of Dying." John F. Scott, M.D., Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.
- April 26 OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY "Sexually Transmitted Diseases." Richard Bernstein, M.D., Director of Education, Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.
- May 3 NEUROLOGY "Management of Epilepsy." George W. Paulson, M.D., Clinical Professor of Neurology, Ohio State University Hospitals. A Geigy Visiting Fellow.
- May 10 RHEUMATOLOGY "Practical Use of the Laboratory in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Rheumatic Diseases." Speaker to be announced.
- May 17 RADIOLOGY "Interventional Radiology: Digital and NMR." William Crawford, M.D., Director of Education, Department of Radiology, St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.
- May 24 INFECTIOUS DISEASE "Pneumonia in the Elderly." James Tan, M.D., Director, Infectious Diseases and Internal Medicine, Akron City Hospital. A Miles Visiting Fellow.
- May 31 GASTROENTEROLOGY "The Hospital Patient and Paternal H² Antagonists." James King, M.D., Chairman, Department of Medicine, Timken Mercy Hospital, Canton, Ohio. A Glaxo Visiting Fellow.
- June 7 ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY "Sports Medicine." Garrone Weiker, M.D., team physician, Cleveland Force Professional Soccer Team. A Merck, Sharp, Dohme Visiting Fellow.
- June 14 PEDIATRICS "Yeyes Syndrome." Steven Kalavsky, M.D., Director of Education, Department of Pediatrics, St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center.

SURGERY SYMPOSIUM SERIES

- April 11 PULMONARY PHYSIOLOGY. E. F. Klein, M.D. 9 a.m. through 12 noon.
- May 9 CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE. James I. Ausman, M.D., Program 9 a.m. through noon.
- June 6 SUCTION LIPECTOMY. J. Sheldon Arta, M.D., History and Evaluation of Fat Suction, Michael H. Wojtanowski, M.D., Patient Selection and Technique; J. Sheldon Artz, M.D., Suction Lipectomy Regional Approach; Michael H. Wojtanowski, M.D., Suction Lipectomy - Personal Experience and Complications. 9 a.m. through noon.



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